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TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, KS

SUBJECT: ROK REACTION TO NEWS THAT US CONSIDERED A-BOMB  
USE IN KOREAN WAR

REF: SEOUL 1787

1. MOFA IS CORRECT IN ASSUMPTION THAT "FOREIGN RELATIONS  
OF THE U.S., 1950" DID NOT CONTAIN REFERENCED CORRESPON-  
DENCE BETWEEN TRUMAN AND RHEE. AT REQUEST OF ROKG THIS  
CORRESPONDENCE HAS BEEN DELETED FROM 1951 VOLUME WHICH IS  
STILL BEING CLEARED PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.

2. IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT SOURCE OF STORY WAS FOREIGN  
RELATIONS VOLUME. HOWEVER, STORY COULD BE BASED ON UPI  
QUOTE FROM RECENTLY RELEASED SENATE DOCUMENTS CONTAINING  
1953 TESTIMONY OF GEN. OMAR BRADLEY. BRADLEY REPORTEDLY  
STATED THAT JCS DISCUSSED MANY TIMES TACTICAL USE OF  
ATOMIC BOMB.

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